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#### ANNUAL FEDERAL "DUCK STAMP" DESIGN CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The annual contest to select a design for the 1961-62 Federal "duck stamp" will open on August 1 this year and close on November 7, the Department of the Interior announced today.

This is the 12th year the contest has been held and it is open to all wildlife artists in the United States and Canada.

Artists who desire to enter their drawings in the contest should submit them on or before the deadline date of November 7 to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

The drawings will be judged in November, and the winning design selected, by a committee composed of art and waterfowl authorities.

The theme to be featured on the stamp for the 1961-62 stamp will be "Habitat Produces Ducks". This is more or less a rephrasing of last year's theme of "Wildlife Needs Water: Preserve Wetlands", but, as Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife points out, "The need for saving wetlands for waterfowl is becoming more acute each year and we must continue to emphasize the need for action in acquiring vital wetlands for the production of waterfowl".

Although all forms of treatment of this theme will be considered by the judging committee, Fish and Wildlife Service officials urge artists to portray either a nesting bird or a duck and her brood in the design in order to emphasize the important waterfowl aspects of marshes.

Artists are given a wide latitude in the choice of medium--pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching, pencil, etc., but all designs must be in black and white only, and 5 x 7 inches in size.

Interested artists who desire to enter the contest may submit as many designs as they wish. Upon request to the Service, prospective contestants will be sent a leaflet containing contest rules and suggestions, along with a copy of the agreement covering reproduction rights. This agreement is to be signed and returned to the Service prior to the contest judging. If an artist sends in more than one design, he must sign a separate agreement for each one.

A free copy of the leaflet, "Rules for the Annual Federal Duck Stamp Contest" is available by writing to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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